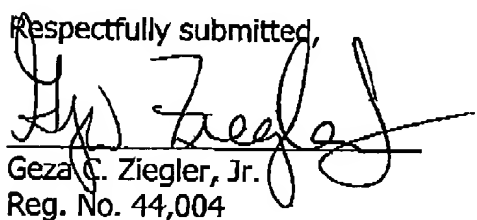


**III. REMARKS**

Claims 1, 13, 15, 20, 28 are amended. The claims are amended to incorporate subject matter the Examiner has indicated would be allowable. Claims 11, 17-19, 24 and 29-30 are cancelled without prejudice. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

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